# Plot Trial Told of '70 Draft Raid

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HARRISBURG, Pa., March 17—In an apparent attempt to link a Sept. 6, 1970, raid of federal offices in Rochester, N.Y., to the seven antiwar activists on trial here, FBI agents and a Rochester policeman today described the raid to the jury.

None of the seven persons on trial, including the Rev. Philip Berrigan, has been linked directly to the Rochester raid. However, a letter from Sister Elizabeth McAlister, a defendant, to Father Berrigan mentioned that some people were working on a project in Rochester. The letter was written in the summer of 1970 and introduced as evidence by the prosecution two weeks ago.

The FBI knew about the Rochester raid in advance, according to Boyd F. Douglas Jr., the government's chief witness in the trial here. He testified last week that he had received a $1,500 reward for turning in the eight Rochester raiders the day before the raid. They were arrested as they tried to leave the building after raiding three offices.

The trial here, in which the defendants are charged with a general conspiracy that includes conspiracy to raid federal offices, is the second time a group of defendants has been prosecuted for the Rochester raid.

The defendants are also charged with conspiracy to kidnap presidential adviser Henry A. Kissinger and bomb tunnels under federal buildings in Washington.

The eight persons who raided the Rochester offices of the FBI, the U.S. Attorney and Selective Service were convicted in December 1970, and have served federal prison terms.

In preparation for the expected raid, testified Robert Keup, field officer for Selective Service in Western New York, "We told all boards to take additional precautions . . . The 102's containing the names of all registrants were put in a walk-in safe" under the care of the U.S. marshal, whose office was not raided. Keup said that in the Selective Service office alone damages plus reconstruction wages amounted to $20,000.

Neither the government in direct examination of its witnesses or the defense in cross-examination tried to bring out why the FBI, having Douglas' information, let the raid occur.

Several FBI agents testified today about their 24-hour surveillance of Sister McAlister, in early August 1970 when they were looking for then fugitive priest Daniel Berrigan, who was refusing to turn himself in to begin serving time for destruction of Selective Service records.

The only apparent reason for testimony about the search for Daniel Berrigan, whose ex-fugitive status is not part of the conspiracy charges on trial here, appeared to be to establish that Sister McAlister knew Haverford College professor William Davidon, whom she visited Aug. 4, 1970, in Philadelphia. Davidon is an unindicted coconspirator in the trial here.